



## Teaching Your Child Good Study Habits

The key to success is a willingness to work hard. It's true in every aspect of life; in marriage, in parenthood, in friendships, on the job. It's crucial for success in school, too, effort matters. There is a direct relationship between the amount of work that goes into studies and the amount children learn. Despite the continuing vitality of the American work ethic, we sometimes resist this truth when it comes to education. We're apt to place faith in innate intelligence as the secret of school achievement. The "smart" kids go to the front of the class while the "slow" kids get left behind. When children do poorly in school, parents sometime formulate excuses for their child.

The credo that academic achievement comes through steady, devoted work is widespread in Asia. We know that some students don't learn as quickly as others. They have to study longer and harder. As the Chinese proverb says, "the slow bird must start out early". Even though they may fly at different speeds, through continued effort all children can learn, and most children can reach basic academic goals.

*"A school system without parents at its foundation is like a bucket with a hole in it." ~ J. Jackson*